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## **Governor Brewer: Arizona Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> Nationally for Business**

*Chief Executive Magazine Attributes Ranking to Business-Friendly Climate*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today celebrated news that Arizona has been ranked the 6<sup>th</sup>-best state in the nation in which to do business. That's according to the 2013 report from *Chief Executive Magazine*, which surveyed more than 700 CEOs nationwide. Arizona's ranking reflects a four-spot climb from last year's report.

"This is exciting news for Arizona, and a true testament to the work we have been doing to attract businesses to our State," said Governor Brewer. "It is fitting that this report was released on the same day Arizona welcomed the major expansion of GoDaddy – a move that will create 300 quality jobs for our citizens and pump nearly \$30 million into the state economy."

"It is also worth noting that 23 of the 25 best states for business are led by Republican governors – including each of the top ten states in the nation. This is not a coincidence. Rather, it is the predictable result anytime you unleash the power of the private sector by keeping taxes low and regulations lean. These conservative principles, together with a ready workforce and high quality of life, have made Arizona a premier place to start and expand a business. So long as I am Governor, Arizona will remain committed to the pro-growth policies that have guided our remarkable economic turnaround."

"Arizona's top-ten ranking reinforces our state's commitment to business growth and success," said Sandra Watson, President and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "Under Governor Brewer's leadership, our lawmakers have established the most competitive, pro-business policies in Arizona's history, and the effects are enormous. In just the last three months, we've worked with six companies announcing the creation of almost 2,500 jobs, which speaks volumes about Arizona as a best place in which to do business."

For its 9<sup>th</sup> annual report, *Chief Executive Magazine* surveyed 736 business leaders – the largest response to date – and asked them to grade states based on Taxation and Regulation; Quality of Workforce; and Living Environment.

Texas ranked 1st in the nation while California, for the 9th consecutive year, ranked last.

To view the report, visit: <http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-for-business-2013>.

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